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SUBJECT: ITU: CHIEF OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT

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1. MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT SOURCE THAT SECRETARY GENERAL MILI HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT NIKO KOMPLITA (YUGOSLAVIA) AS CHIEF OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE KOMPLITA IS LONG-TIME NUMBER 2 IN TCD AND HAS BEEN ACTING CHIEF SINCE DEPARTURE OF HERMAN RUUD LAST SUMMER.

2. MILI IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE DECISION PUBLICLY BY END OF THIS WEEK.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MISSION NOT AWARE OF OTHER CANDIDATES ON "SHORT-LIST" WE NOT UNHAPPY WITH THIS CHOICE SINCE IN OUR DEALINGS WITH HIM WE HAVE FOUND KOMPLITA TO BE ACCESSIBLE, FRIENDLY, AND COOPERATIVE. WE BELIEVE SYG MILI DID NOT UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS MENTIONED IN PARA 1 (B) REFTEL INASMUCH AS APPOINTMENT INVOLVED OFFICIAL ALREADY KNOWN AND, WE BELIEVE, WELL REGARDED BY MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS. WE FEEL THIS APPOINTMENT INDICATES THAT MILI INTENDS TO PERSONALLY DIRECT SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES OF TCD TO EVEN GREATER DEGREE SINCE, WHILE KOMPLITA IS ABLE, HE IS NOT CONSIDERED AN INNOVATIVE THINKER NOR IS HE LIKELY
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TO CHALLENGE MILI'S DECISIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE. KOMPLITA HAS ADVANTAGE OF COMING FROM
NON-SUPPLIER COUNTRY; RUUD, AS A SWEDE, HAD BEEN OPEN TO
CHARGES OF BEING BIASED TOWARDS SWEDISH EQUIPMENT AND METHODS.
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